

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** the Federal Department of Health and Human Services has designated the month of March as *Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month*; and
- Whereas,** since 2016, multiple local governments and states have passed a proclamation/resolution declaring March as *National Bleeding Disorders Month*; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia is proud to commemorate March 2021 as *Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month* in the Mountain State; and
- Whereas,** this designation will formalize and expand upon the designation 35 years ago of March 1986 as "*Hemophilia Awareness Month*" by President Ronald Reagan; and
- Whereas,** bleeding disorder advocates, during this month, wear red material around their neck (scarves or ties); and
- Whereas,** these bleeding disorders, which share the inability to form a proper blood clot, are characterized by extended bleeding after injury, surgery, trauma or menstruation and can lead to significant morbidity, which can be fatal if not treated effectively; and
- Whereas,** many individuals with hemophilia became infected with HIV or Hepatitis C in the 1980's due to the contamination of the blood supply and blood products; and
- Whereas,** this month will generate greater awareness and understanding of not only hemophilia but all inheritable bleeding disorders, including Von Willebrand Disease-which alone impacts an estimated one percent of the United States population or more than 3.2 million individuals; and
- Whereas,** *Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month* will foster a greater sense of community and shared purpose among individuals with all inheritable bleeding disorders; and
- Whereas,** the month will elevate awareness of and engagement in the inheritable bleeding disorders journey beyond our community to the general public, enabling the prevention of illness, unnecessary procedures, and disability.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *March 2023* as:

Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.


In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Seventh day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three, and in the One Hundred Sixtieth year of the State.




Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:


Mac Warner
Secretary of State